



Pine Line

Pine Meadows Community Newsletter

May 2024

*Well done is better than well said.
Benjamin Franklin*

We have a great Board of Directors at Pine Meadows Home Owners Association! Engaged, energetic and involved. One of the issues with that, of course, is that they are engaged and energetically involved in all kinds of initiatives and ideas for our community. Proposing new ideas, changes and projects, so even though we were technically not meeting formally, for the first quarter of 2024, there is a lot going on!



Many of you will have noted a number of changes to the pool hours and quite an increase in the number of people using the pool regularly. So far, we have added Men's Aquafit to the daily schedule, and formalized the scheduling of Lady's Volleyball. Combined with the daily schedule for Kids Hours, this has meant that the pool is scheduled almost all day, every weekday, which has led to issues for people looking to access the pool. We'd really like to hear from you on a proposal to change the definition of **Kids Hours to Open Swim Hours**, allowing open access to the pool during these times for residents, guest and/or kids. If you have thoughts on this please let Larry Pope, Dana Burdenuk or me know. Effectively this opens around 3 ½ hours a day for all swimmers without taking any times away from anyone.

We are just starting the budgeting process for 2024/2025. Requests for budget submissions are going out to all Activity Coordinators, both formal activities such as Darts, Koffee Klach or Billiards, as well as more formal standing Committees like Pine Line, Kitchen Committee and the Emergency Contact Committee. In addition this year, we're trying to include any new initiatives in this work so that we can create a robust and comprehensive budget for your approval at the September Annual Meeting. If you have thoughts or questions on new activities, please let Chris Larsen or me know.

Related to this, you will be receiving a survey on potential initiatives that the PMHA is considering over the next several years. We would really like to hear your preferences and suggestions on these and others. This is a preliminary survey with a number of identified projects. Details on costing, timing and how they might be funded and by whom, vary. Much remains to be seen, and agreed upon. It is an important first step and **we really do need to hear your thoughts**. Watch for this in early May.

We are starting the Nomination process for new Directors to the Board. Potential openings are for Communications Director, Director at Large and MCRC Director. A position on the Board is an excellent opportunity to be engaged in your community, work with some very energetic people and, as one Director put it, "I just want to know what's going on!" The work is interesting and not all that onerous. Most of us enjoy it! If this is an area of interest for you, please let me know.

I wrote this on a cool, blustery April day. My hope is you are reading it on a warm sunny May morning, with the grasses greening and trees and flowers abloom in our Pine Meadows. Have a great May.

.... Avon

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Cards Cards Cards

For card requests, please contact: Kathryn Dancey 519-843-5216
Marni Henry at 226-486-2432

Condolences

Sympathy cards were sent to:

Leslie Prior 122 Bristlecone Court on the passing of husband Jim

Louise DeCorso and John Gwinn 105 White Bark Way on the passing of Louise's brother

Shirley Austin 23 White Bark Way on the passing of spouse Horst Volkman



A Special Welcome to our New Residents!

Pine Meadows heartily welcomes you to our beautiful and caring community.

Neil and Gail Westwater

8 Pine Ridge Road

Dobri and Susan Stojsic

111 White Bark Way



Maintenance Cost Review Committee (MCRC)

Barry Wood

The Maintenance Cost Review Committee is happy to report that our maintenance costs for March were well below our monthly fees. There were no projects charged to maintenance costs and the costs for snow clearance were lower than the previous year. In general, costs for many items were reduced from the previous year so that we were able to reverse the trend for the first two months so that our cost per household is now in a favourable position by a small amount.

In addition, the MCRC met with Highland Pines staff for a joint meeting. They reported that there were a number of projects for improvements in the Recreation Centre including plans to upgrade the kitchen's electrical system with more outlets and install emergency lights in the bathrooms in the main hallway as well as changing the faucets in the change rooms. In addition, they are investigating options to correct a defect in the flagpole which is preventing the raising and lowering of the flag.

The maintenance cost report for March, 2024 has been posted in the Boardroom for you to review. In addition, it has also been posted on the Pine Meadows Homeowners Association (PMHA) website. This report, prepared by the management of Pine Meadows Retirement Community Limited, shows all expense items, revenue items, costs per home per month and many other details.

Please take a moment to look at the report and, if you have any questions, you can contact Gabriele Filce, the MCRC chair, by telephone at (519) 843-2125 or email at **nanaFilce@yahoo.com** and she will be more than pleased to research your questions or you can contact any of the MCRC members.



Pine Meadows Ladies Group

Lois MacPherson



As the April showers give way to May flowers, all ladies of Pine Meadows are invited to join other ladies of our community at our weekly Monday afternoon meetings (except holidays). Our plans for the month of May are:

May 6: The making of Jellied donuts will be demonstrated by Carol Wood. I anticipate there will be some tasting too.

May 13: We will be making Bee Boxes which will, hopefully attract pollinating insects to our community. There will be a cost, and sign up is required, see the bulletin board.

May 20: Is Victoria Day and we anticipate you will be celebrating this first long weekend of the summer. No meeting

May 27: Horticulture theme meeting. Sharing of ideas and ways to promote growth and beauty in our gardens.

Garage Sale

Debbi Pope



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Date: **June 22, 2024 8:00am- Noon**

Plans are shaping up for our annual sale. In early May, the sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the Grand Hall.

The cost is \$5.00 per household to cover the cost of advertising. If you wish to participate, please sign up and place

your envelope in the internal mailbox of Terry Favrin #101. Note your name and address on the envelope.

For several years Sandra and Keith Solomon have hosted a fundraising garage sale with all proceeds going to Groves Hospital. This was accomplished by their hard work and generous donations from members of our community. They are no longer able to do this and we thank them so much for their years of dedication. If you are interested in running a sale for this worthy cause, please contact Debbi or Terry. We could help by storing any donations until the day before the sale.

Again this year, Terry and I are asking for volunteers in a couple of areas. We need help putting up posters in various locations from Elora to Grand Valley. We have a well organized list divided into suitable areas and store owners have been very receptive to displaying the posters. This should be done about two weeks prior to the sale.

The other area of help needed is on the day of the sale. Namely directing traffic at our entrance. Hopefully this will consist of two people from 8am - 10am being relieved at 10:00 by another two people. Last year we had about 400 cars coming through this community and over 50 homes participating.

We will also need a volunteer to regularly check the washrooms inside the side entrance of the Grand Hall as these will be open to the public.

If you can help in any of these areas, we'd love to hear from you. Debbi Pope 416 274-8485. OR Terry Favrin 905 690-0109

Mixed Round Robin Spring Tournament

Andy Keen

Thanks to everyone for coming out on Saturday, April 20th. The darts tournament was a great success and the winner of the tournament was Helen Waring. Way to go Helen! Her name will be added to the trophy in the hall. Winner of Group B was Chris Larsen. The two winners for the share the wealth were Evelyn Goodfellow and Clyde Henri.



Groves Memorial Hospital Fundraising

Sue Anderson

We are getting very close to our goal of \$500,000 and only have \$29,208 left! With a little more help from Pine Meadows Residents, we can reach our goal by the end of June 2024.

Donations matched up to a total of \$15,000!!

**Between May 1 and June 30, 2024 donate any amount and it will be matched
by
Solomon Decisions Inc.**

Make cheque payable to Groves Memorial Hospital Foundation, place it in an envelope and give it to either Sandra Solomon or Sue Anderson. Other donation options, speak to Sandra or Sue. You will receive a tax receipt for the amount you have donated, and that amount will be matched when all the cheques are presented to Groves Hospital Foundation.

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Pine Meadows

WE CAN DO IT, PINE MEADOWS!

We are **94%** to our **\$500,000** fundraising goal for the New Groves Hospital
Less than \$30,000 left... Thank you all!

**SOLOMON DECISIONS WILL MATCH ALL DONATIONS
MAY 1ST - JUNE 30TH
UP TO \$15,000 - DOUBLE YOUR GIVING & HELP REACH THE FINISHING LINE!**

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Make cheque payable to **Groves Hospital Foundation** and give to **Sandra Solomon** or **Sue Anderson**; for any questions or other donation options, speak to Sandra or Sue.

**You will receive a tax receipt for your donation
AND it will be matched when cheques are presented to Groves!**



Birthdays and Anniversaries for May

The following are the names of Pine Meadows residents who are celebrating either a birthday or anniversary the month of May.

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries:</i>	
Elizabeth Bartlett	May 4	Jack and Mary Tocher	May 8
Chris Rynberk	May 4	Sharon Spittachine and Deb Walsh	May 13
Craig Howard	May 4	Howard and Linda Coates	May 16
Cathy Keen	May 5	Ron and Janice Hunwicks	May 30
Linda Webster	May 5	Ken and Donna Chalmers	May 30
Wally Sheldon	May 5		
John Hocken	May 5		
Elke Lingen	May 7		
Suzie Parker	May 8		
Sharon Spittachine	May 9		
Kathy Johnson	May 10		
John Gwinn	May 10		
Jack Webster	May 11		
Andy Keen	May 12		
Melanie Newton	May 13		
Clyde Henri	May 14		
Heather Hocken	May 18		
Rose Blenkiron	May 18		
Carole Jansen	May 19		
Sandra Solomon	May 20		
Derryl MacInnis	May 21		
Deahn Wilson	May 21		
Joyce Giddings	May 22		
Martin Bauer	May 22		
Keith Frost	May 23		
Amina Miller	May 23		
Avon Giddings	May 29		
Jim Alexander	May 29		
Pat Ellis	May 31		



Congratulations Everyone!

To have birthdays and anniversaries noted in the Pine Line each month and announced at Koffee Klatch, please send your info to Jackie Piercey. Her contact info is (piercey.jackie@gmail.com) or call 905-703-0372 and she will update her list.

Koffee Klatch

Jackie Piercey



May 1st

Robin Smart from the Alzheimer Society

will join us to discuss "What we should know"



May 8th

Kelly Cappadocio

will speak about the importance of foot care and the services offered.



May 15th

SOCIAL TIME (YouTube)

Dry Bar comedy with David Dyer on "Nobody cares about their second child" (24.83 minutes)



May 22nd

Social Time (You Tube)

Ted Talk presentation

Pamela Meyer "How to spot a liar" (18.33 minutes)



May 29th

Trisha and friends will tell us about

their "Spring and Summer Getaways 2024"

Message from Dana Re Flushing of Watermains

Please note that we will be flushing water mains on **Wednesday, May 8th from 12:30-4:00pm.** You may experience little or no water pressure during this time, but pressure will resume once the lines are flushed. Your water may initially look brownish afterwards due to the sediment that has been dislodged in the process. This is nothing to be concerned about; run your cold water tap and flush your toilets until the water is clear again.

Social Committee Updates

Chris Larsen

Big Breakfast – Wednesday April 17th

Close to 100 residents came out with friends and neighbours including returning snowbirds to participate in the social time and the Big Breakfast. Great Pancakes, scrambled eggs, peameal bacon, hash browns and toast with a selection of jams was enjoyed by all. Lee Thorne said, “that’s the best breakfast in 21 years!” and many of you seemed to agree.

The Social Committee of Chris and Diane Larsen, Bill and Heather Hocken, Larry and Debbi Pope, Terry Favrin, Karen Hampton and Ted White, Joanne and Reg Black, Cathy Keen, Janice Gagne, Bonnie Tetrault and Helen Waring (our newest member) worked hard at all the tasks required to plan the event, buy supplies, setup the hall, prepare the food, serve all the residents, sell Share the Wealth Draw and of course to clean up following the event. Thank to a great team of volunteers on this National Volunteer Week.

Speaking of Share the Wealth, congratulations to the winners: Doug Wilson, Pearl Davis and Henri Gagne, who shared the jackpot of \$159.



Photos from
Chris Larsen



UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Fling Dance Saturday May 25th 8pm to Midnight

Please note new start time!

Come on out and shake off the winter blues. Music and light show, will be handled by our own DJ Larry Pope, with dancing from 8 pm to Midnight. A light snack will be provided around 9:30pm and don't forget to BYOB. We will have a photo booth and of course Share the Wealth Draw. Price for the event will be \$15 each.

Upcoming Event

Summer Bingo Monday June 10 – Doors open at 6:30 pm and Bingo starts at 7:00 pm

Save this date on your calendar for a rousing good time and a chance to win some money.



CHASE THE ACE

Chase The Ace night is the 2nd Monday of each month in the Community Center Grand Hall starting at 7 p.m.

Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

We have had 2 very successful nights with lots of participants. We have instituted a couple of new rules which have quickened the play. As a result, starting in May we should be able to play 4 games in a night .

Bring 12 quarters with you and you are ready to play.

Display Case

Joyce Giddings

Eggs and Quilts

I am constantly awed by the talents of our residents. Case in point was the May display of Ukrainian Easter Eggs by Elke Lingen. Elke had originally shown her egg collection and how she creates them to the Monday afternoon Ladies Group. I thought she should share this amazing craft with the rest of Pine Meadows. Thankfully, she agreed.



Elke Lingen Ukrainian Easter Eggs. Photo by Joyce

Elke first became interested in Ukrainian Easter Eggs while watching a class being given to some children at her church. She quickly learned the technique. While teaching in the Niagara area, she realized there was an Ukrainian store in St. Catharines which carried Easter egg making supplies. This allowed her to access the tools needed to hone her craft.



Fibre Arts Quilt photo by Lois MacPherson.

For May, Lois MacPherson, another talented crafter, is going to treat us to some of her quilts. Lois became interested in quilting while she and her husband wintered in Arizona. A hobby soon became a passion. Lois makes all types of quilts from small samplers to bed size ones. She continues to take courses locally and internationally. She even has gone on quilting cruises.

The display is just a small sample of Lois's handiwork. Lois is a member of the Grand Quilt Guild.

If you are interested in seeing more quilts, the guild is holding their exhibition called "Quilts on the Grand -2024" at the Sportsplex in Fergus on Friday June 7th from 10am to 7pm and Saturday, June 8th from 10am to 4pm. Among the display of 250 quilts, there will be large bed size quilts, lap quilts, wall-hangings, miniature quilts, flimsies, clothing and accessories, all accompanied with a story by the quilter. In addition there will be quilt challenges, contests, vendors and tea and lunch. Admission is only \$10.

In addition to Lois, there are several others in Pine Meadows who are members of the guild and will be showing their creations. Linda Webster, a past president, is very involved with the organizing committee. So come to the show and see how many of your neighbours are quilters.

For further information contact Lois/Linda or www.grandquiltguild.ca

Future plans for the display case include Groves Hospital Fundraising wrap-up, Canada Day, back to school, Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day and Christmas. If you have any items you would like to include in these displays or ideas for the display case, please contact me at: 519 843-6244 or joycegiddings1@gmail .com.

The Pine Line

The Pine Line is the monthly newsletter of Pine Meadows residents and is produced for the Pine Meadows Homeowners' Association by the Pine Line Team which currently consists of:

Coordinators/Editors: Linda Webster and Perry Adams.

Pine Line Committee Members: Anne Chery, Joyce Giddings, Heather Denomy, Myra Manning and Grant Swift.

We are always looking for more team members to proofread the final draft of the Pine Line and attend our pre-publication meeting. If you are interested, please contact either Linda or Perry.

The Pine Line depends on submissions by the various activity groups within Pine Meadows and by you, the residents. Submissions should be made electronically (by email) to pinemeadowsnewsletter@gmail.com or can be placed in the Pine Line box in the main lobby of the Recreation Centre or internal mailbox #35 or #70.

The submission deadline for the December issue, is the 14th of the month. The deadline for the remainder of the months is the 21st. While a high priority is to include all submissions, space requires that some submissions be omitted, or delayed to a future edition of The Pine Line

PMHA BOARD 2023-2024

President	Avon Giddings
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Activities	Larry Pope
MCRC Rep	Mike Stock



Pine Meadows Homeowners' Association – Events Calendar

May 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 KK Robin Smart re Alzheimers	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 KK Foot Care	9	10	11
12	13 Chase the Ace 7 pm	14	15 KK Social - comedy	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 KK Social – how to spot a liar	23	24	25 Spring Fling Dance 8- midnight
26	27	28	29 KK – Maritime Travel	30	31	
	Safety/Security – Clyde Henri	Children's Pool hours: 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. daily 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. daily		Reservations & Kitchen Committee Heather Waring		
11:00 French Connection	8:30 Walk for Fitness 9:00 Water Aerobics 9:00 Wood Carving 10:15 Water Aerobics 11:30 SMART Program 12:00 Billiards – Men 1:00 Men's Aquafit 1:30 Pine Meadows Ladies Group 7:00 Billiards – Men	9:00 Water Aerobics 10:00 Tai Chi 10:15 Water Aerobics 1:00 Billiards – Men 1:00 Men's Aquafit 1:30 Ladies Bridge 7:00 Mixed Darts 7:00 Poker	8:30 Water Aerobics 9:30 Koffee Klatch 11:30 SMART Program 1:00 Men's Aquafit 7:00 Euchre (2 nd and 4 th Wednesday) Bid Euchre (1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Wednesday)	9:00 Water Aerobics 9:30 ROMEOS 10:15 Water Aerobics 1:00 Men's Aquafit 2:00 Ladies Billiards 1:30 Line Dancing Intro 2:15 Line Dancing 2:00 – 4:30 pm Pool Cleaning 6:30 Pickleball	8:30 Walk for Fitness 9:00 Water Aerobics 10:15 Water Aerobics 11:30 SMART Program 12:00 Billiards – Men 1:00 Men's Aquafit 1:00 Cribbage 4:00 Happy Hour	7:00 Mixed Billiards